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SUBJECT:WRAPUP PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 21-24

1. NYT-PG 7 (JUNE 22) MALCOLM W. BROWNE, REPORTS FROM BELGRADE EAST AND WEST VIE IN SEEKING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER TALKS. SOVIET BLOC DIPLOMATS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL. SOVIETS WANT REVIEW MIXED WITH NEW PROPOSALS WHILE U.S. FEARS ENDLESS ORATORY AND WANTS FULL EXAMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION. FAILURE TO AGREE ON AN AGENDA IN TIME COULD MEAN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE. WHILE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED SAID TO LEAN STRONGLY TO BRITISH-AMERICAN PROPOSAL A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL MIGHT BE WORKED OUT BY A NUCLEUS OF NATIONS INCLUDING ROMANIA, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND.

2. CSM-PG 28 (JUNE 22) EDIT ENTITLED "DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS" SAYS THERE IS MORE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT AT BELGRADE THAN THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. TERM MAY LOSE IMPACT WITH OVER USE. TO BE MEANINGFUL MUST BE UNDERSTOOD
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IN A BROADER CONTEXT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THE OBJECTIVES OF DETENTE. TO PROMOTE CHANGE WITHIN SOVIET SOCIETY AND RATIONAL USSR BEHAVIOR ON THE WORLD SCENE THERE MUST BE EXPANSION OF TRADE AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AND ACROSS-THE-BORDER CONTACTS. WEST MUST WEIGH, HOWEVER,

HOW MUCH IT CAN DO FOR IN FINAL ANALYSIS ONLY SOVIET

PEOPLE CAN DEMAND AND WIN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FULL SENSE OF THE TERM. CONCLUDES IT WOULD BE WELL TO GET DETENTE BACK ON THE RAILS AGAIN AS THE BEST MEANS OF INDUCING SOVIET AND ITS ALLIES OF FOLLOWING ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOUR.

3. SUN-PG. 2 (JUNE 22), AP STORY, NYT ALSO. U.S.,SOVIET DIFFERENCES STALL TALKS IN BELGRADE. AN APPARENT DEADLOCK. VORONSTOV REJECTED FINNISH PROPOSAL TO MOVE ON TO OTHER THAN AGENDA TO KEEP MEETING GOING. SOVIET STANCE DESCRIBED BY SEVERAL WESTERN DIPLOMATS AS "EXTREMELY HARDLINED". CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATE SAID A FULL REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS IN CONTEXT OF IMPROVING EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND STABLIZING EUROPEAN SECURITY.

4. NYT-PG. 10 (JUNE 23) MALCOLM BROWNE FROM BELGRADE REPORTS NINE NEUTRALS PROPOSE THE INSERT OF SOME HYPHENS BETWEEN CLAUSES OF PROPOSED DRAFT AGENDA IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE SOVIET-WESTERN CONFLICT. DESPITE GLACIAL PACE OF DELIBERATIONS DELEGATES SEEM TO FEEL PREPARATORY MEETING WILL END IN TIME FOR AUGUST 1 RECESS.

5. CSM-PG. 5 (JUNE 23) ERIC BOURNE FROM BELGRADE REPORTS AFTER ONE WEEK EAST-WEST DETENTE STALLED BY CONFLICT OVER PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, FEW BELIEVE EITHER UNCLASSIFIED

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SIDE WANTS TO PUSH THINGS TO THE POINT OF A BREAKDOWN.

6. NYT-PG. 9 (JUNE 23) CHRISTOPHER WREN FROM MOSCOW SAYS DISSIDENTS DEMORALIZED. MANY SEE HOPES UNDER HELSINKI AGREEMENT UNFULFILLED AS SOVIET UNION CONTENTS LIBERATION DEMANDS CONSTITUTE A DISTORTION OF HELSINKI ACT WHICH WAS MEANT TO RELAX EAST-WEST TENSIONS BUT NOT PROVIDE FOR INTRUSION INTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PUBLICLY DISSIDENTS EMPHASIZE THEIR RESOLVE BUT IMPACT OF SOVIET CRACKDOWN IS EVIDENT. TOTH CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO DISCOURAGE RUSSIANS FROM MEETING WITH WESTERN JOURNALISTS.

7. STAR-PG. 4 (JUNE 23) UPI FROM BELGRADE SAYS WESTERN COUNTRIES SUPPORTING NEUTRAL NATION'S PROPOSAL TO BREAK SOVIET-AMERICAN DEADLOCK OVER HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH EXPLICIT DISCUSSION OF HELSINKI ACCORDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. DIPLOMATS RECOGNIZE SOVIETS INSISTING ON VAGUER AGENDA AND PREPARED TO ATTACK WEST'S RECORD IF OWN QUESTIONED.

8. STAR-PG. 4 (JUNE 23) NYT NEWS SERVICE REPORTS FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING MOVING CLOSER TO RUSSIAN

APPROACH OF BANNING SPECIFIC CHARGES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT
BELGRADE.

9. SUN-PG. 2 (JUNE 24) AP FROM BELGRADE REPORTS ISSUANCE
OF SOVIET WARNING OF REVIEW BREAKDOWN IF MOSCOW'S VERSION
OF PROCEDURE REJECTED. VORONTSOV, WARNS DELEGATES THEIR
"LIGHT ATTITUDE" TOWARD AGENDA COULD LEAD TO "GREAT
UNPLEASANTNESS" AND "FAILURE OF OUR MISSION."

10. CSM-PG. 26 (JUNE 24) JOSEPH HARSCH REPORTS FRENCH
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TAKES OPPOSITE TACK OF
BREZHNEV AND JOINS CARTER IN SPEAKING UP FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS, AND RIGHT OF OTHERS TO CRITICIZE SOVIETS FOR
LAPSES.

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11. NYT-PG. 7 (JUNE 24) MALCOLM BROWNE REPORTS VORONTSOV
JARRING POLITE ATMOSPHERE OF BELGRADE MEETINGS BY ACCUSING
WEST OF "FRIVOLOUS AND CAVALIER ATTITUDE" THAT COULD
LEAD TO "UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES". SOVIET DELEGATE
DOWNGRADES PROPOSALS TO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF NEW
PROPOSALS AND PAST PERFORMANCES.

12. WSJ-PG. 1 (JUNE 24) WORLDWIDE BRIEFS MENTIONS
SOVIET WARNING OF BELGRADE "BREAKDOWN" UNLESS PLANS FOR
FULL CONFERENCE SATISFY USSR.

13. WP-PG 14 (JUNE 24) "AROUND THE WORLD" BRIEFS REPORTS
SOVIETS WILL NOT COMPROMISE ON HELSINKI PACT REVIEW AND
WARN OF BREAKDOWN IF SOVIET PROCEDURE REJECTED.
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